

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

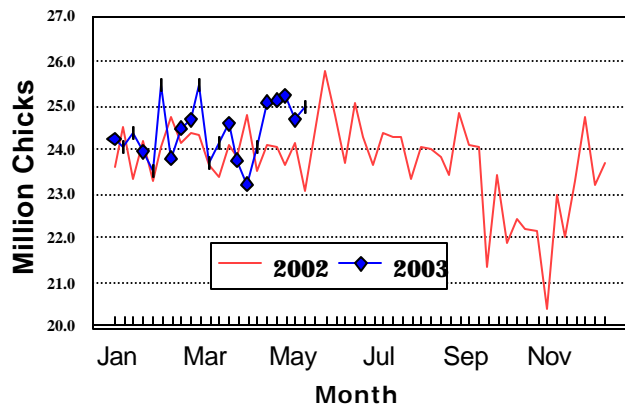
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 25.0 million during the week ending May 24, 2003. Placements were up 8 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up 1 percent from the previous week, and included 2.93 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 24, 2003 were 512.8 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.7 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.4 percent.

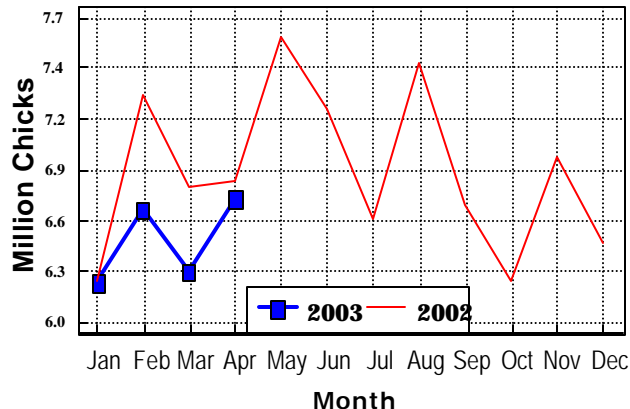
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 31.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 24, 2003, down slightly from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.7 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2003, down 1 percent from April 2002.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2002 - 2003**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2002	2003	
	1,000		
Apr.	23,507	24,054	102
Apr.	24,099	25,096	104
May	24,077	25,120	104
May	23,651	25,204	107
May	24,175	24,690	102
May	23,111	24,987	108

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2001-2002	2002-2003	
	1,000		
Nov.	7,261	6,938	96
Dec.	6,577	6,475	98
Jan.	6,264	6,269	100
Feb.	7,275	6,659	92
Mar.	6,775	6,329	93
Apr.	6,814	6,720	99

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	03-May	10-May	17-May	24-May		19-Apr	26-Apr	03-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	
Alabama	28,714 *	28,450	28,809	28,857	98	21,359	21,554	21,936	21,208	21,681	21,918	99
ARKANSAS	30,764	30,235	30,748	30,963	100	24,054	25,096	25,120	25,204	24,690	24,987	108
Delaware	3,699	3,680	3,672	3,892	104	5,266	5,899	5,821	5,298	5,085 *	5,181	93
Florida	1,503 *	1,597	1,529	1,329	56	1,638	1,634	1,975 *	1,859	1,899	1,749	75
Georgia	31,893 *	31,950	32,674	32,467	99	23,803	25,688	26,357	24,673	24,555	25,550	101
Kentucky	6,932 *	5,651	6,376	6,401	91	5,717	6,071	5,164	5,654	5,341	5,911	99
Maryland	9,583	9,626	9,705 *	9,745	97	5,945	5,600	5,744	6,278	6,158 *	6,259	104
Mississippi	19,109	18,766	19,380	19,537	102	16,572	16,549	16,217	16,277	16,014	16,667	104
N. Carolina	18,862 *	18,937	18,933	18,924	98	15,033	14,780	15,077	15,184	15,019	15,110	98
Oklahoma	6,498	6,015	6,508	6,557	97	4,389	4,424	4,181	4,394	5,105	4,658	89
Pennsylvania	3,627	3,687	3,566 *	3,653	92	2,679	2,637	2,691	2,646	2,618 *	2,676	97
S. Carolina	4,858	5,018	4,979	4,989	103	4,088	4,206	3,424	4,282	4,245	3,852	94
Texas	15,050	15,066	15,080	15,090	99	12,317	12,407	12,586	12,646	12,574	12,563	102
Virginia	6,626	6,622	6,621	6,620	100	5,506	5,986	5,849	5,945	5,693 *	5,001	92
CALAMO,IN,WV	21,421	20,546	20,711	21,015	100	18,265	18,361	19,664	18,853	19,724 *	19,741	100
Total 2003	209,139 *	205,846	209,291 *	210,039		166,631	170,892	171,806 *	170,401	170,401 *	171,823	
Total 2002	209,812	211,162	213,431	213,027		168,903	172,792	172,635	172,081	171,004	171,336	
% Prev. Year	100	97	98	99		99	99	100	99	100	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						07-Jun	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	05-Jul	12-Jul	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 210 million eggs during the week ending May 24, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 24, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 24, 2003 were 3.51 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.